

Promises of God

20. Holy Spirit



Luke 11:13 "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Meaning: Charles Spurgeon said, "Without the Spirit of God we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind or chariots without steeds. Like branches without sap, we are withered. Like coals without fire, we are useless. As an offering without the sacrificial flame, we are unaccepted." Upon salvation, we receive the Holy Spirit (John 7:38, 39). After salvation we should be constantly filled with Him (Ephesians 5:18).

Application: God's promise of the Holy Spirit is two-fold. First, the Holy Spirit's indwelling is promised to those who get saved. Secondly, the Holy Spirit's filling is promised to believers who desire it (Isaiah 44:3). The desire to be filled with the Spirit will be evidenced by walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), abiding in Christ (I John 3:24), and by asking to be filled daily (Luke 11:13).

Other Verses for Study: John 14:16, 17; 16:7, 13; Acts 1:8; 10:44, 45; Romans 5:5; I Corinthians 6:19

1. When does a person receive the Holy Spirit? _____
2. What is one evidence that you desire to be filled with the Spirit?

3. Without the Spirit of God we can do _____.

"It were better to speak six words in the power of the Holy Ghost than to preach seventy years of sermons without the Spirit."